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Letter dated 18 September 2013 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In accordance with Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit herewith resolution No. 7678, entitled "Threats posed by Israeli nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction to international peace and Arab national security", which was adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level in Cairo on 1 September 2013 (see annex). Paragraph 4 of the resolution urges the Security Council and its permanent members to take swift practical measures to overcome any obstacles to the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, including by convening the postponed 2012 conference that was provided for at the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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Threats posed by Israeli armament to Arab national security and international peace

Threats posed by Israeli nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction to international peace and Arab national security

The Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level,

Having considered:

The note of the Secretariat,

The report on the activities of the Secretariat between sessions,

The recommendations of the Committee of Senior Officials of Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Secretariat to prepare the Arab States' contribution to the 2012 conference to rid the Middle East of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction,

The recommendation of the Political Affairs Committee,

Decides:

I.
Preparation for the postponed 2012 conference on ridding the Middle East of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction

1. To take note of the report and recommendation of the Committee of Senior Officials issued at its 21st meeting on 28 and 29 August 2013, and to request the Committee to continue its work;

2. To stress before the facilitator and organizers of the 2012 conference that the preliminary mobilization and preparations for the conference should comply with the parameters of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East;

3. To request the Committee of Senior Officials to comprehensively review and develop the Arab strategy for the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East, including the postponed 2012 conference;

4. To urge the Security Council and, in particular, the permanent members, to take swift practical measures to overcome any obstacles to the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, including by convening the postponed 2012 conference that was provided for at the 2010 Review Conference;

5. To request the Group of Arab States in New York to prepare a note setting forth the Arab position on the postponed 2012 conference for circulation to Member States of the United Nations in the First Committee of the General Assembly.

II.

Arab preparations for the 57th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

1. To stress that Arab States should mobilize at the highest level to garner support for the Arab draft resolution entitled "Israeli nuclear capabilities" to be submitted to the 57th General Conference of IAEA and, in particular, that the Arab Ministers for Foreign Affairs should write to their counterparts in States members of IAEA in support of the Arab position;

2. To entrust the Group of Arab States in Vienna with the following tasks:

- Continuing to mobilize and to meet with geographic and political groups, particularly the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries; instructing all resident and other representatives accredited with IAEA to assess and garner support for the Arab resolution entitled "Israeli nuclear capabilities";
- Responding to the Israeli communication addressed to IAEA (document GC(57)18) regarding the request to include in the agenda of the 57th General Conference an item entitled "Israeli nuclear capabilities", in order to rebut the claims made in the letter and explain the Arab position, and circulating that response to the States members of IAEA at the General Conference;
- Requesting an explanation from IAEA as to why the definition of the States of the Middle East region was omitted from the 2013 report of the Director General of IAEA entitled "Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East", and requesting that IAEA should take action to correct the report;
- Assessing the Arab position after the 57th General Conference and reporting to the Council of the League at its forthcoming session.

III.

To report to the Council at its forthcoming session regarding the issue and relevant developments

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